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HUNDREDS OF RED FISH—The Bay-Waveland beach front was filled with hundreds of red fish last Thursday morning and the cause for the kill remains uncertain. Workmen estimated some 500 fish were on the beach and the dead fish ranged about 25-30 pounds. The dead fish were spotted from just south of the St. Stanislaus pier to near Bayou Caddy.

(ECHO Photos by Jerry Whittle)

Dead red fish wash ashore; kill cause still uncertain

by JAKE JACOB
Red fish by the hundreds were washing ashore along Hancock County's beaches this week, in the wake of what may turn out to be one of the biggest parasitological or environmentally caused kills in recent years.

Dick Leard, director, Mississippi Marine Conservation Commission, said Friday that he had seen a similar kill affecting red fish some years ago, with carcasses at that time beaching along the entire outer reaches of Cat Island. Speculation arose following the appearance of the first few fish earlier this week, all estimated at between 25 and 30 pounds, that a commercial trawler had dumped the catch due to lack of ice or a failure in its refrigeration system.

As the volume of fish increased, swelling to estimates varying between five and six hundred, sheer numbers ruled out the commercial fisherman theory.

Further it was thought that the commercial value of the catch would mean that fishermen would make every conceivable effort to land the fish.

"It definitely looks like the kill is the result of some sort of environmental

condition," Leard said.

Robert Overstreet, director of parasitology at Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, said he could not give a diagnosis as to possible cause until after examining a live but ailing fish, or one in the final death throes.

He agreed with Leard that the size of the fish involved indicated considerable age but said such was not a clue of sufficient worth for him to diagnose.

Discounted by both Overstreet,

Liard, and Field Inspector Lloyd Sharp of the Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Commission, called in on the case, was the possibility of the kill being caused by a natural phenomena known as a "red tide." This assumption was based on the fact that no other species of fish were involved in the kill, just "reds."

Red tide is, in effect, an area of the sea lacking in oxygen causing the fish to suffocate. It is caused, in simple

terms, by "...a pooling of nutrients..." all in themselves requiring oxygen, into a density sufficient to deny the life-giving gas to finfish.

In other words, ocean currents carrying heavy concentrations of marine planktons (dinoflagellate), generally present in lesser quantities, and important in marine food chains, join together. This joining interweaves

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Escapees sentenced

Moore venue change denied, retrial to be in Hancock

A motion by the defense to have the retrial of Christopher Moore, 24, charged with the rape-murder of a Pascagoula school teacher, charges of which he was first convicted in October of 1975, and subsequently sentenced to die in December of that year, moved to Jackson County, was denied Friday by Circuit Court Judge Floyd L. Logan.

No date was set for trial following the motion, an act probably resulting in the case now being postponed until the October term.

The motion was heard last Thursday, when Moore said that two years ago he knew he couldn't get a fair trial in Jackson County so he asked for a change of venue.

Defense Attorney Kenneth Middleton presented the motion to the court on July 15.

The Mississippi Supreme Court granted the new trial after they declared that section of the law calling for the mandatory death sentence was unconstitutional.

The change of venue back to the county in which the crime was allegedly committed had been sought by counsel on the grounds that sufficient time had elapsed since the incident to permit Moore to receive "...a fair and impartial..." trial in that place.

The court indicated lack of legal precedence within the state as cause of denial, further indicating that once a

case has been heard under an original change of venue, then any subsequent rehearings must come before the court at the new locality.

In other court business Judge Logan sentenced three of the four recently recaptured prison escapees for their part in the foray which occurred on the night of May 14.

Robert O'Dell Bennett, Jr., and John Alfred Butler, both had 18 months added to the time they must serve in prison, and William Dwight Hendricks, alias Dwight McInyre, received 12 months.

At the time of the break, Bennett was serving 20 years on 14 counts of burglary in Hancock County, and 10 counts of burglary in Harrison County, jail break and armed robbery, and assault of an officer; Butler was serving 10 years on five counts of burglary, one count of armed robbery, and jail break; Hendricks, seven years for burglary and parole violation.

A fourth escapee, Jimmy Sullivan,

serving four years for rape and jail break, was apprehended by Mobile police actually in the act of burglary. He refused to waive extradition and if convicted will serve his time in Alabama before being returned to Mississippi to face additional jail break charges and serve out the balance of his previous term.

ECHO planning Back-to-School issue Aug. 14

Summer is drawing to a close and the opening day of school is just a few short weeks away.

The SEA COAST ECHO is planning a special "Back-to-School" tabloid for Sunday, Aug. 14th, which will feature many bargains by area merchants as they prepare for the forthcoming school term.

Also featured in the special section will be schedules, registration dates, features and many other items of interest to the people of Hancock County.

The ad staff of the ECHO will be calling on merchants in the area, but in the event you are not contacted within the next few days and would like to be in the special section, you may call the ECHO office, 487-5473, and a member of the staff will be glad to help you plan your promotion for the edition.

Tides

DAY	HIGH	LOW
WEEK OF 7-31-77		
Sun.	1:16p.m.	
Mon.	2:09p.m.	12:12a.m.
Tues.	2:47p.m.	12:23a.m.
Wed.	3:22p.m.	12:01a.m.
	11:05p.m.	
Thurs.	5:48a.m.	9:04p.m.
Fri.	5:56a.m.	6:13p.m.
Sat.	6:28a.m.	6:40p.m.
Sun.	7:08a.m.	7:19p.m.

For overpass

Governor awards BSL \$50,000 in EDA funds

by JERRY WHITTLE

Gov. Cliff Finch has announced the award of \$50,000 in Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds to the City of Bay St. Louis for a

Trash pick-up code explained by mayor

The Mayor's Office has announced that in regard to trash pick-up under the city code of Bay St. Louis Section 11, Article 11, the debris resulting from the clearing of a lot or property in excessive amounts (more than what 1 truck can carry) will not be picked up by the city, but must be hauled away by the owner of the property or lot, or, by the person clearing same.

Large limbs, trees, furniture or furnishings will not be picked up. Trash collection in the City of Bay St. Louis is defined as small limbs, branches, bushes, weeds, paper, plastic, or cloth. Any of these items in reasonable amounts will be disposed of by the City Sanitation Department.

proposed pedestrian overpass in the vicinity of Dunbar Ave. and Hwy. 90.

The award of the EDA funds was part of \$3.2 million Governor Finch had to distribute throughout Mississippi to those communities where he felt the funds were needed the most and would do the most good for the people.

The Governor made the presentation in his office and said the award would do much to meet the needs of local citizens and help stimulate the local economy.

Making the trip to Jackson to receive the award from Governor Finch were: BSL Mayor Larry Bennett, Councilman

Harry Farve, Charley Hill, Burke and Associates, and Fred Curet, from Bay St. Louis and a member of the Governor's MIDAS Committee.

The addition of the \$50,000 in EDA funds brings the total monies pledged to the project to \$80,000. The Bay St. Louis City Council and the Hancock County Board of Supervisors have pledged \$15,000 each to the proposed project.

A total cost of the project has not been given, but is expected to be higher than the \$80,000 in-hand at present.

The city is planning to obtain an estimated cost figure in the near future and seek further funding.

Ammo plant receives funds

In announcements made Friday by Senator John Stennis and Congressman Trent Lott, the House and Senate Conference approved additional funding for the Army ammunition plant slated for construction in Hancock County at the NSTL facility.

Congressman Lott said the approval of \$53.2 million by the House and Senate

included \$8 million in new funding, plus the release of \$42.5 million approved earlier but restricted from being spent.

The congressman told the Echo "This is the final major hurdle in getting approval for this project. I am very pleased this has been accomplished. This will mean a great deal to the local economy and to the Army."

Congressman Lott praised Senator Stennis for his role in gaining approval of the funds, stating "Senator Stennis was especially effective in his leadership in getting this facility."

Senator Stennis' office said the approval of the additional \$8 million would be for the construction of the plant during the physical year 1978. He added, this action, when approved by the Congress and signed into law, also releases \$45 million approved for the

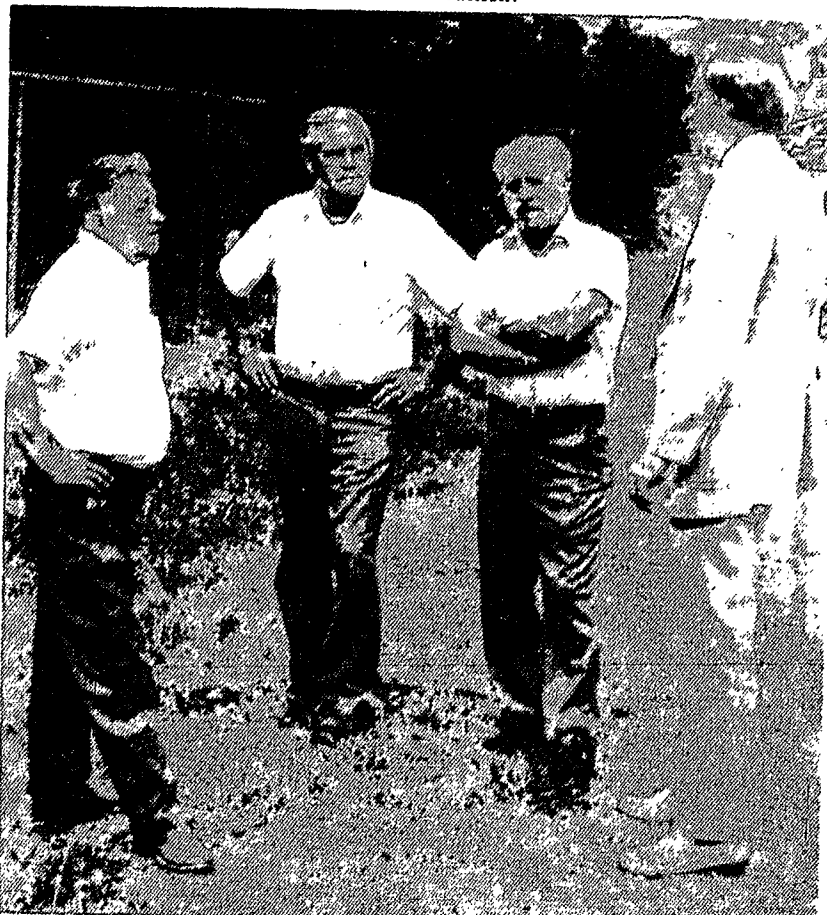
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Police seek suspect in armed robbery

The Bay St. Louis Police Department is continuing their investigation into the Wednesday night armed robbery of a local liquor store from which over \$200 was taken by a lone bandit.

BSL Police Chief Douglas Williams told the ECHO a white male, approximately 5' 7", 165 lbs., walked into the Bay Liquor Store in the Bay St. Louis Shopping, Hwy. 90, at approximately 9:30 p.m. and demanded all of the money from the sales clerk. The clerk, Mrs. Audrey, gave the bandit \$241.45 and the subject left the store on foot. He was reportedly wearing cutoff bluejeans and a tee shirt.

Investigating officers were Chief Williams, Assistant Chief Emmett Ellis, Patrolmen Franklin Hess and Alton Benoit.

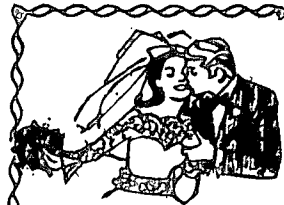


SPANISH ACRES DRAINAGE—City and county officials met Tuesday morning to discuss and survey the drainage problems at the Spanish Acres subdivision in Bay St. Louis. Here, (l-r) Bay Street Superintendent Charles Black, Don Murray, who does engineering work for the county, Beat Four Supervisor Sam Pernickar, and Bay Mayor Larry Bennett discuss the problems of the area. The officials said the project will be a joint effort of the county and the city. Present plans call for some immediate relief and surveying work by Murray.

(ECHO Photo by Jerry Whittle)

EDA FUNDS AWARDED—The City of Bay St. Louis has been awarded \$50,000 in EDA funds by Gov. Cliff Finch for a proposed overpass to be located near Dunbar Ave. and Hwy. 90. Present for the presentation were (l-r) Charley Hill, Burke

& Associates; Fred Curet, Governor's MIDAS Committee; Governor Finch; BSL Mayor Larry Bennett and BSL Councilman Harry Farve.



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Ladner, Garriga vows exchanged

Sandra Virginia Ladner and Ernest Joseph Garriga were married Saturday afternoon, June 10, in Lee's Chapel Number Two, Lestown.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James B. Ladner of Dedeaux Community, and the late Margaret F. Ladner.

The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Garriga. Rev. Paul E. Lee performed the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Jeanette Garriga, organist, accompanied Pam Ward, soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white full length empire style dress

fashioned with an organza lace bodice trimmed in pearls and a flowing chiffon skirt with a train of lace. She wore a chapel length lace veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations, daisies and baby's breath.

Donna Ladner, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Carol Ladner, Mrs. Lesa Shaw and Pamela Ladner, cousins of the bride, Frances Necaise, Mrs. Gay Ladner, Mrs. Amy Flynn and Channon Holliman, niece of the groom. Melissa Moran and Marisha Necaise, cousin of the bride, were flower girls.

Greg Dossett attended the groom as best man. Groomsmen were Billy Garriga, brother of the groom, Patrick Necaise and Brad Ladner, brothers of the bride.

Rodrick Lee, Phillip Pavolini, nephew of the groom, William Moran and Barry Necaise, cousins of the bride. Bruce Necaise and Glen Dale Shaw, nephew of the groom, served as ushers. Ringbearers were Heath Ladner and Keith Ladner.

Junior bride and groom were Karen Ladner, niece of the bride, and Jason Cuevas, nephew of the groom.

The bridesmaids wore dresses in rainbow colors flocked with white daisies and carried heart shaped bouquets of daisies.

The bride's mother wore a yellow full length dress with a daisy corsage.

A reception was held at the VFW home, Kiln. The bride's table held a tiered cake decorated with daisies flanked by candelabra entwined with daisies and greenery. Assisting at the reception were Ken Ladner, Jackson, Burnie Saucier, Loraine Necaise and Sandra Moran, Pass Christian.

The couple will reside in the Catahoula Community.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garriga of Bridge City, Texas.

The first president to be married while in office was John Tyler, our 10th president, on June 25, 1844.



MR. AND MRS. GARRIGA
PHOTO BY BOB HUBBARD



MR. AND MRS. R.J. FERRY of Biloxi announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyson Pamela Ferry to Pvt. James H. Johnston, U.S. Army son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Johnston of Bay St. Louis. The wedding is planned for Aug. 25 at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis. The bride-elect has recently finished U.S. Army basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. The couple will reside at Fort Bliss pending the bride groom-elect service assignment.

Obituary

RUTH DIAMOND

Mrs. Ruth Helen Sharkey Diamond, 75, widow of Edward Diamond and a resident of New Orleans, died Wednesday in that city. Graveside services were held Thursday at the Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian. She was a former resident of the Pass and was born in Atlanta.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Anthony J. Pauratore and Mrs. Phillip J. Luzzo of New Orleans; one brother, Edward Sharkey of Atlanta; five grandchildren. Riemann Funeral Home of Gulfport was in charge of the arrangements.

HENRY GERARD

A Mass of the Resurrection for Henry Gerard was celebrated Thursday at the Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. Burial was in the St. Mary's Cemetery, Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Gerard, 77, a resident of Rt. 2, Old Spanish Trail in the Bay, died Tuesday at Hancock General Hospital. A native of New Orleans, he had been a resident of the Bay for 51 years, and was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Charles Bouls of Bay St. Louis; three nieces and one nephew.

MRS. McGRATH

Mrs. Margaret Nelson McGrath, 89, owner and operator of the Nelson Hotel in Pass Christian since 1915, died Thursday at the hotel.

The funeral was conducted Friday at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Gulfport.

Born in Silver Creek, Ms., she was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Pass Christian.

She is survived by three nieces.

Miss Ryan to offer program

Gulf Coast native, Patty Ryan, will present the program at the August 8 meeting of the Biloxi Art Association. The meeting will be held at the Carriage House on Belman and Hwy 90 at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Miss Ryan has a Masters of Art Education from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She has taught art in the public schools for six years.

Since returning to the coast in 1972, Miss Ryan has been writing music for Mississippi Sound Productions in Long Beach. She has entertained at various establishments on the coast playing the guitar and singing. Her most recent engagement was at Diamondhead Country Club.

Miss Ryan's program will consist of slides of students works, followed by discussion of the basic employed. She will also discuss her technique and style.



BEVERLY ANN EVANS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Evans III of Ansley is engaged to Ralph Lee Garcia, son of Mrs. Inez Provost of Lakeshore and the late Alden Garcia Jr. Miss Evans is the granddaughter of Mrs. Velma Evans and the late William Evans, II, Coburn Ladner and the late Mrs. Louise Ladner, all of Ansley. She attended Hancock North Central School. Mr. Garcia is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Garcia of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ladner of Lakeshore. He was a 1977 graduate of Hancock North Central School. The wedding will take place Saturday, August 6 at 2 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church, Lakeshore. A reception will follow at Ladner's Friendly Inn, Ansley. Friends and relatives are invited to attend, through this medium.

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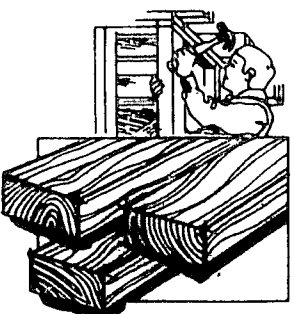
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(ECHO Photo by Jerry Whittle)

Lemmon to lead Mission

Branch president Jerry Mims, Waveland, announced today that Cleo Jack Lemmon, from Hurricane, Utah, has recently arrived in Baton Rouge with his wife Delma, to assume the leadership responsibilities of the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons).

President Lemmon, one of 146 mission presidents throughout the world for the fast growing Latter-day Saints Church, will now be directing the work of over 200 young Mormon Missionaries spread out in the two state areas of Louisiana and Mississippi two of which are currently working in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland area.

President and Sister Lemmon are natives of Southern, Utah, this being their first trip to this area. Before coming to the South, President Lemmon served as a Stake (Diocese) President and a Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for more than 15 years presiding over 3,000 Church members. He was also mayor of Hurricane, Utah for eight years and owned a Phillips Petroleum Distributorship. The Lemmons are the parents of three children who are presently residing in Utah.

Some of the responsibilities facing the new president are the instructing the missionaries on doctrinal subjects and proper

proselyting procedures, taking the responsibility for the travel and safety of each of the 200 missionaries, and acting as a counselor and an activity advisor for each set of the young church representatives.

As with all Latter-day saint mission presidents, President Lemmon and his wife will be serving full time for the next three years after which they will return home to resume their normal church and family activities.

The Lemmons have replaced President and Sister Lamar S. Williams who have just completed a successful term as the presiding officers of the mission. The Williams have recently returned to their home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In summing up his appointment to preside over the mission, President Lemmon remarked, "It's great to be here, we are looking forward to many wonderful experiences working with these young missionaries and the choice people of the South."

BSL Rotary Club visited by Tynes

John R. Rosetti, president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, welcomed Rotary District Governor Byron L. Tynes at the last meeting of the local organization last Wednesday at noon.

Tynes became a member of the West Bank (Gretna), Louisiana Rotary club in 1956. He is a Senior Active member (former classification, Household Furniture, Retailing) and has an 18 year perfect attendance record. He has served his club as committee chairman, director, secretary and as president in 1960-61. He was elected Governor of District 684 for 1963-64 and since then has remained very active in the district. He has chaired one or more district committees each year since 1964 including three successive years as chairman of the Rotary Foundation Committee in 1970-73. For his efforts in behalf of the Foundation he was awarded the "Citation for Meritorious Service" to the Rotary Foundation by the Foundation Trustees.

He again chaired that committee last year 1976-77. He served as Representative to the Council on Legislation in 1974 at the Minneapolis Convention. Tynes is a past president of the Downtown Gretna Business Association and is serving as a member of the Board of the West Bank Boy's Club of America and has been active in many other organizations. He is a former vice-president of Welner's Inc. of Gretna and New Orleans, and general manager of its Retail Division. The firm, a pioneer in the field of furniture leasing

was recently acquired by a national furniture and carpet manufacturer, the Mohasco Corporation.

He is married to the former Evelyn Blenvenu of New Orleans and resides in New Orleans.



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He joined the Marine Corps

On the side

By Buddy Stone

Surveys indicated the average person about to buy a CB radio expects to pay \$153.00, but winds up pleasantly surprised to pay only \$137.00. These same surveys show that the medium age of a CB'er is not quite 36. Typical CB'er's income is \$14,700 with 22 percent getting less than 10,000 and 13 percent 25,000.

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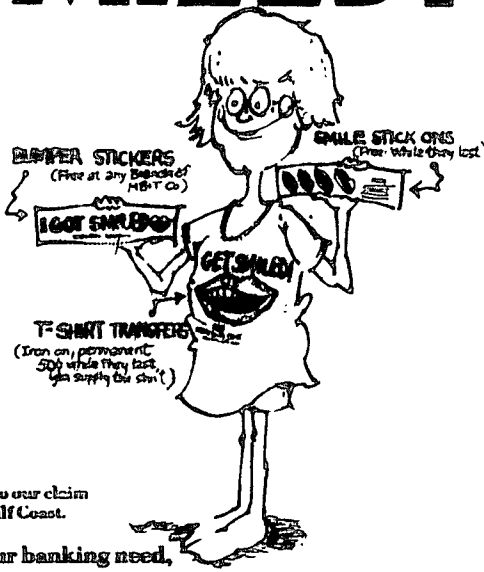
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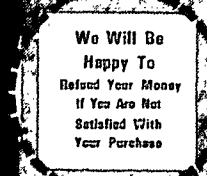
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Opinion

The editorial page

Opinion/Jerry Whittle

Litter

Litter in any form continues to be an expensive and maintenance problem for local, county and state authorities in most areas of the Coast.

Thousands of taxpayer dollars are used each year in an effort to keep our beaches, highways and roadsides from becoming a general dumping ground for the litterbug.

Under a section of the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission code book, those who litter are subject to a stiff fine and other penalties. Those who are found guilty of littering can be made to pick up litter on both sides of the highway for a distance of not less than one mile and not more than five miles or be fined not exceeding \$500.

The law also defines various types of litter that range from tin cans to vehicles.

There is also a section of the code that deals with those who toss cigarettes, cigars, etc. on right-of-ways likely to ignite grass or underbrush. Those found guilty in this case would be civilly liable for all damages caused by the act and subject to the above punishment.

The entire section of the code is as follows:

97-15-29. Littering highways and private property with trash or substance likely to cause fire.

(1) Whoever shall put, throw, dump or leave any tin cans, bottles, jars, glassware, or broken glass, paper, boxes, old iron, tools, machinery, vehicles and brick, or any article classified as trash or debris of any kind and character whatsoever upon the public roads and highways of this state, or within the limits of the right-of-ways, or upon any private property of another, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

(2) Anyone who shall put, throw, dump or leave on the roads and high-

ways of this state or within the limits of the rights-of-way of such roads and highways, or upon any private property of another, any cigarette or cigar stubs, or any other thing or substance likely to ignite the grass or underbrush on said road or highway in addition to being civilly liable for all damages caused by said act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided by subsection, (4) of this section.

(3) The state highway department of the State of Mississippi is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase and erect warning signs along the roads and highways of this state advising the public of the existence of this section and the penalty for the violation thereof and is further authorized and empowered to purchase trash and garbage cans which shall be placed at reasonable intervals along the roads and highways of this state to be used as containers for such trash and rubbish above mentioned, and for the convenience of the public using said roads and highways.

(4) Any person who shall be found guilty of the violation of this section shall, upon conviction, be made to pick up all litter on both sides of a highway to be designated by the court for a distance of not less than one (1) mile and not more than five (5) miles or be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.

(5) The department of public safety of the State of Mississippi and all other law enforcement officers are hereby directed to enforce the provisions of this section.

(6) It is not the intention of this section to prohibit the storage of ties and machinery by a railroad on its right-of-way where the highway right-of-way extends to within a few feet of the said railroad roadbed.

The People's Business

WITHIN THE SHADOW
Two blocks from the center of Mississippi government - almost within the shadow of the capitol's dome - is the new office of a long-time "watchdog" organization.

That organization costs the taxpayers nothing. No state funds support it. Yet, it watches out for the interest of all Mississippians.

That organization is the Mississippi Economic Council. Long located in a position somewhat farther from the capitol, MEC - symbolizing its growing role in public affairs - has moved to within shouting distance of offices of

the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government.

Though the move may be symbolic, there is substance also. Over recent years, MEC has exhibited growing concern for Mississippians' quality of life, government, and economy. The Council helped bring about community improvements through the various MERIT programs, better county and local government by pushing for reforms in the Legislature, and an improved economy by supporting growth-oriented policies.

The list goes on and on. Now the business and professional leaders of the state - who comprise the Council's membership - are turning their sights more toward efforts which can help all Mississippians. And, by being closer to the center of state government, they have a better opportunity to watch developments and make their opinions known.

Some may ask, "What is MEC?" It is a research organization. It is a public affairs organization. It is an education organization. But, most of all, it is a concerned organization - concerned about the future of our state.

It is good to have a trusted watchdog "within the shadow."

WHO BENEFITS?

One of the hottest debates going on within the halls of Congress and the corridors of the White House has been about raising the minimum wage.

Apparently, a compromise was reached last week by labor representatives, congressional leaders and the White House. President Carter announced he would support a \$2.65 minimum wage to be implemented in 1978 and followed with automatic increases in each of the following two years, with \$3.15 assumed by 1980.

But, does an increased minimum wage really help those it purports to? Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina

had this answer to that question:

"There is, indeed, no surer way to create unemployment than to peg wages at a level higher than the people and businesses can afford to pay."

Specifically, it will hurt the young laborer, the secondary wage earner, and other groups who are already plagued by a high unemployment rate.

A recent survey published by the Brookings Institution showed that only one fourth of those working for minimum wage are classified as "heads of households." That means 75 per cent of those working for the minimum are either secondary wage earners or teens.

Both groups have been hit hard by the recent recession. Teen unemployment is higher than any other group. It stands to climb more if the minimum wage is raised to unrealistic levels - levels that the market cannot support.

The Congress and the President would be wise to consider all elements of the minimum wage debate before taking action. If not, there action may just harm those they attempt to help.

Ammo plant...

plant two years ago.

Stennis, who is serving as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said, "This was the last hurdle that had to be cleared before actual construction could begin. I am confident of approval for construction and the President will sign the bill."

Construction of the Mississippi facility was again placed in jeopardy this year when the House of Representatives approved language in the defense appropriation bill to the effect that no funds could be spent for new Army ammunition plants as long

Sail'n along



by Ellis Cuevas

Hancock County's Farmers Market seems to still be going along. On a recent Saturday visit we got to see some familiar faces of merchants and customers. This bad dry season that we had hasn't kept some from growing produce. Most of the farmers sell out each Wednesday and Saturday before noon.

Driving down Easterbrook St. in Bay St. Louis the other day, I picked up a strong smell of gas. Could be there is a bad leak in that area.

Saw some of the regulars trying their hand at catching shrimp off the seawall this week. Having done it myself a few times, it can pay off in two ways, one

something for the pot and the other something to help you get rid of the pot, that second pot of course is the belly.

On the serious side, had a retired lady subscriber write and tell me the importance of folks keeping their homes locked even when they are home. She says that someone uninvited paid her a visit and really shook her up.

Congratulations to the Little League Bay St. Louis nine and ten year old champions. Our Little League and Babe Ruth Leagues should be proud of their performances this year. Our hats off to all the sponsors who help make Little League and Babe Ruth Leagues a reality.

Washington report

By Trent Lott

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Trent Lott, R-Miss., today sought to revamp a Social Security system that is unresponsive to the needs of older Americans.

In testimony before the U.S. House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, Lott called attention to legislation he has introduced that would correct six specific problems discovered through casework handled by his office. One of the corrective actions involved the liberalization of the earnings test used to determine Social Security eligibility.

The Mississippi Republican's legislation would also eliminate the five-month waiting period for disability benefits, permit adopted children to qualify for benefits without regard to certain time requirements, reduce delay in benefit determinations, allow duplicate benefit checks where the initial checks are lost or delayed and expedite payments to disability beneficiaries.

Lott said one part of his package would allow recipients to earn \$7,500 annually rather than the presently allowed \$3,000 and retain benefits.

As a result of the loss of benefits caused by the restrictive earnings of \$3,000 per year, many of our best workers, whose wisdom, skills, stability could be very beneficial to our

economic system, retire on a small Social Security annuity and take employment only during certain hours of the week to avoid loss of benefits under the earnings test," he said.

Lott said older Americans "sense a uselessness to their lives when they are no longer a vital part of this nation's work force."

The package would also modify conditions governing eligibility of blind persons to receive disability insurance benefits under the law, he said.

"Blind Americans frequently view the present laws as a hindrance to their efforts to retain gainful employment," Lott said.

No federal program, he said, should deter people from working, as is the case with current Social Security laws. "The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has estimated that annual income lost to blindness in the country runs about \$1 billion," he said. "The effect of this legislation would be substantially to replace this loss, thus allowing blind persons to be contributors in America, not tax burdens."

Lott also told the subcommittee he supports legislation that would authorize Social Security benefits to Mississippi's firemen and policemen, saying five of the 17 cities involved lie in the state's Fifth Congressional District.

AG affairs

Accidental farm deaths in Mississippi jumped from 52 persons in 1976 to 75 in 1976 with drownings and tractor accidents again heading the list as major causes of rural deaths, according to official state death records.

Agriculture's position as third most hazardous profession was again proven across the land according to the National Safety Council which has revealed that nationwide 5,400 farm residents were accidentally killed in 1976 and 500,000 were disabled.

President Jimmy Carter this week proclaimed National Farm Safety Week across rural America asking citizens to adopt an education theme, "Safety Is A Good Investment."

Aside from the immense human tragedy, with this large human life and impairment toll, is the dollars and cents loss attributed to these deaths, estimated at nearly \$3 billion annually. The cost of human suffering, grief and hardship cannot be calculated.

Safety leaders across the country this year are emphasizing a business-like approach to accident prevention by emphasizing that farm accidents have become a significant farm management problem. As such it requires foresight, correction action, and planning to lessen the problem in any farmer's operation. Rural people everywhere this week are being asked to protect their human resources necessary to live a better life and achieve high farm production and profits for themselves and others.

Farm record keeping has enabled

statisticians to spell out the accident prevention problem this year in financial terms. For example, a computerized study at Purdue University of corn and hog farming operations for a young farm operator in Illinois has been a real eye-opener. The research showed that under certain conditions a farmer's management time is worth \$600 an hour during the crucial planting season, and drops off to no less than \$100 an hour during the rest of the year. This strikingly points out the value of training and educational programs to minimize farm accidents.

The safety department of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation has summarized causes of fatal farm accidents among the membership of the state organization last year, and finds that among the federation membership accidental and intentional shootings took an even greater human life toll than did drownings or tractors.

Among the federation member deaths for 1976, 14 gunshot victims were classified as follows: Eleven were male. Nearly half were self-inflicted and accidental. One had stuck a gun in his belt and it discharged as he was getting out of a truck. A son leaped into his father's arms chasing a gun he was holding to discharge and kill him. Another dropped a gun on the floor and it fired and struck him fatally as it hit. Still another tripped over a board in his yard at night while carrying a pistol, causing it to shoot the man fatally. Three were fatally shot during store robberies. Two were shot and killed by other assailants.

Eleven drowning victims were all males between 17 and 58 years of age. All were either swimming or fishing except one who slipped on a river bank, struck his head on a rock, and fell into the river.

Among six tractor victims, three overturned their tractors, two cranked tractors while they stood on the ground and were run over as it cranked, and the other was in a highway collision. In related accidents, a front end loader operator overturned his rig and died under it, and a fork lift truck ran over a chicken catcher in a poultry house.

These are not mere statistics, but capsule accounts of how Farm Bureau Federation members died accidentally last year. This week is a good one to help emphasize safety practices that will reduce this needless toll.

Red fish...

(Continued from page 1)

the plankton into a mass sufficient to cut the air supply from fish entering, or being trapped, in its area.

Another natural possibility, albeit in this case remote, is that the fish, in a school, encountered a sudden variance in water salinity. While having an outside chance of causing the kill, Lillard said that fish of this size, normally swimming in water having a salinity factor of between 15 and 25 parts per thousand, should be able to handle pockets of water with salinity hikes to 35-40 ppt, or sudden drops.

Tides in the area have been running above normal for the last few days, according to Sylvia Cure, Bayou Caddy Fisheries, and so far the dead fish have not penetrated the inland waterways at that point.

She said her first knowledge of the kill came from seismic off-shore vessels using the local marina who claim to have spotted the dead fish in the vicinity of the Louisiana marshes some days ago.

"Our tides are moving fairly rapidly and the water rush seems to be keeping the dead fish out of the bayous," Mrs. Cure said.

A flounder kill washing ashore several years back was determined to be the work of a parasite.

Earlier this summer extensive clean-up of the same beaches was required following a menhaden fishing boat spill. In this case the trouble was traced to a torn net. The industry admitted fault and led the clean-up effort, by promptly authorizing payment to the supervisors for work involved.



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Tail missing

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-Woodrow Wilson

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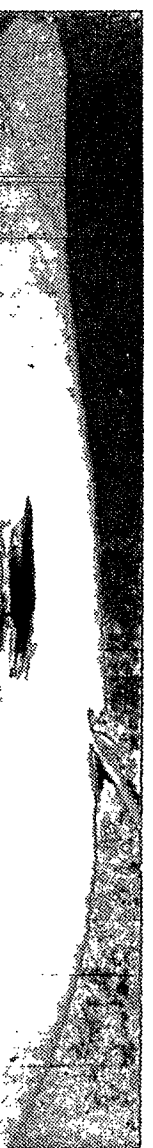
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In Babe Ruth tourney

Pass Christian eliminates Bay

Long Beach- The Bay St. Louis team was eliminated from the 13-year-old Babe Ruth tournament action here



TOUGH PLAY AT THE PLATE- Pass Christian catcher Thomas Spencer doesn't give an inch at the plate as Bruce Cabell tries to score for the Bay St. Louis All Stars in Babe Ruth action. Cabell was out and so was the 13-year-old Bay St. Louis team after two straight losses. (ECHO Photo by Randy Lankford)

Wednesday by the Pass Christian team by an 11-0 margin.

Scott Moore was tagged with the loss for Bay St. Louis going six innings before being relieved by Ronald Carter. Moore gave up 13 hits against 36 Pass batters. Earl Conway went the distance for the Pass team to take the win. Conway faced 39 Bay batters and gave up only four hits.

Bruce Cabell was the top batter for the Bay team with a 2-5 performance at the plate. Pat Kergosien and Moore got

the other two Bay St. Louis hits.

Scott Woods and Don Hagin paced the Pass Christian team going three for five at the plate with other hits coming from Larry Hopkins, Thomas Spencer, Earl Conway, John Cannon, Rusty Reed and Steve Ulrich.

The Bay team was eliminated from the state championship tournament in two straight games with losses to East Central and Pass Christian.

Sports

Diamondhead holds Criers tournament

DIAMONDHEAD- The Women's Golf Association at Diamondhead held a Crier's Tournament Thursday with

the following results: Class A winner, Doris Diamond; Runner up Corrine Ladner; Class B winner, Cher Hanson; Runner up Willie Solomon. There was a three way tie for low putts between Ida Mae Snow, Margaret Price and Doris Walthgney.

Overtime

by RANDY LANKFORD

Championship baseball seems to have come to an end for the Bay-Waveland area. With the elimination of the 13-year-olds in Babe Ruth play all the teams seem to be either eliminated or crowned.

Now that all the smoke has cleared it is time for congratulations. All the players on all the All Stars teams deserve a pat on the back. First for being named to their respective teams and then for their fine performances in the tournaments they participated in.

As for the non-All Stars, they have not been forgotten. With all the hoopla for the "Best of the best" some other fine players have been pushed out of the picture until next spring when the whole process starts over. This is indeed a sad situation. Of course there are some players that are more talented than others and they deserve the chance to display this talent in post season play. There are others though that do not possess great deal of talent that also deserve applause.

So, I would like to take this opportunity to doff my cap to every man, woman and child that has made my role as sports writer more enjoyable and a great deal easier during the baseball season.

There is a new addition to the sports page today. It is the Sports Quiz. Hopefully it will be received in such a manner that it becomes a weekly feature of the paper. In my efforts to make the sports pages more enjoyable and interesting I thought some trivia buffs might like to test their sports knowledge against that of the Guinness book of Sports Records. The only comment I have heard so far is that the questions are too hard. True, they are toughies but if they weren't there would be no challenge to them.

In my ramblings last week I spoke of the trip to Bay St. Louis. This week I would like to report that my wife, Cathy, is in a much better mood since we have been able to move into our house. My thanks go to those that expressed their concern over Cathy's near imprisonment for two weeks at a motel while our home underwent cleaning and painting before we could move in.

Football training is at hand. Soon it will begin as young hopefuls take to the gridiron. This is yet another chance to support the young athletes of the Bay-Waveland area. Let's all give the coaches, players and schools our support as the football season grows near.

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Tennis clinic set Monday

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and adults. Both clinics will run from Monday to Friday. Beginning children will be instructed from 8 to 9 a.m. with more advanced youngsters holding classes from 9 to 10 a.m.

Adult classes will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with fundamentals being stressed. Adding to the effectiveness of the clinic will be the use of an automatic ball throwing machine.

Hattiesburg aces Waveland

BILOXI- The Waveland American Legion, representing post 77, was eliminated from the District 6 tournament being played here Wednesday.

Waveland lost its second straight game when Hattiesburg blanked the local team 9-0. The loss followed a Tuesday night defeat at the hands of the host Biloxi team 22-3.

Biloxi went on to defeat Gulfport 7-4 to become the only undefeated team in the tournament.

Henry was the losing pitcher for Waveland giving up 16 hits and facing 41 Hattiesburg batters. Waveland sent 30 batters to the plate and collected only three hits in the game with Odenwald leading the way with a 2-4 per-

formance for the night. Williams took the win for Hattiesburg and aided his own cause with two hits in four trips to the plate.

Hattiesburg started scoring

from the outset with two runs in the opening frame followed by one in the second, one in the third, two in the fourth, two in the seventh, and one in the ninth.

Sports Quiz

NFL Defenses

1. Which NFL team had the fewest penalties in a single season and how many did they have?
2. Which NFL team allowed only two touchdown passes in which season?
3. How many years have the New York Giants led the NFL in interceptions? Which years were they?
4. In which year did an NFL team allow only 86 first downs? Name the team.
5. Which former AFL team led the league with 49 interceptions in which year?

Answers:

1. The 1937 Detroit Lions received only 19 penalties for the entire season and were only fined 139 yards.
2. The New York Giants of 1927 gave up only two touchdowns in the air.
3. The Giants have led the league eight times capturing the title in 1937, 38, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, and 55.
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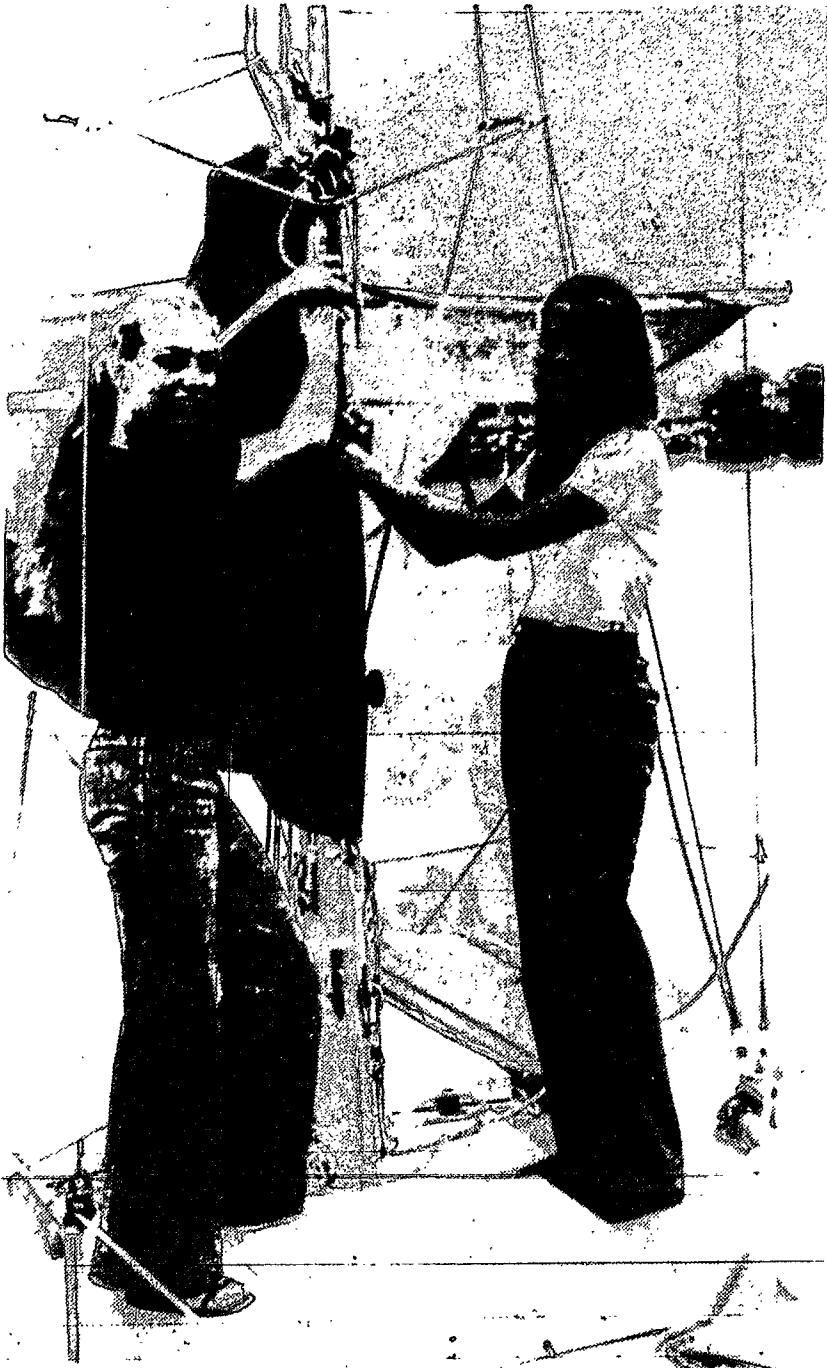
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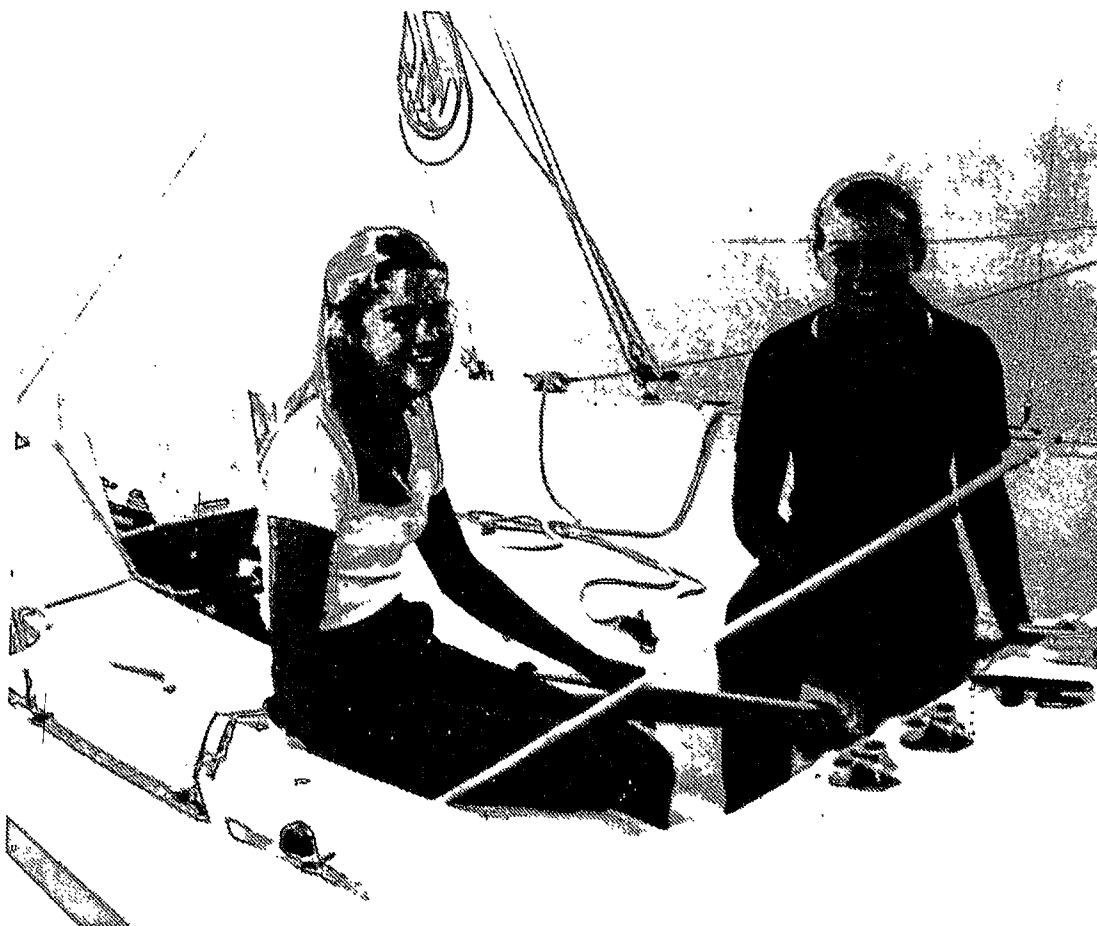




Claire and Alane dismantle awnings



Claire Dufayet-de-la-Tour



Alane and Claire prepare to set sail



International 'sisters' - L to R - are: Violette Vales, Kathy Cox, Lynn Little, Claire Dufayet-de-la-Tour

For summer vacation

French students visit American 'sisters'

by JAKE JACOB

Violette Vales, 17, from Albais, and Claire Dufayet de-la-Tour, 17, of Verdun-sur-Garonne, France, are staying in Bay St. Louis through August. While here they are the guests of their American "sisters," Kathy Cox, Lynn Little, and Alane Carlson.

Miss Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neville R. Jacob of Felicity, was in France last year as an exchange student with the Youth for Understanding Program. While there she stayed with the Vales family in Albais.

Miss Little is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Little, 205 Chartres St., and like Kathy a member of the Bay High French Club, who volunteered to host Claire during the first part of her visit. Alane, also in the French Club, volunteered to be Claire's "American sister" for the second half of her stay. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Carlson of 117 deMontluzin Street.

The French Club members volunteered to host the second visitor after Miss Cox told them Violette was to be accompanied by a school friend, who she had also met while overseas.

Originally it had been planned for Violette to come to this country on her own, but after talking to Claire, she learned her friend also wished to partake in the "great adventure."

Violette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vales, are owners of a fruit farm growing many varieties of apples for both the domestic and retail markets.

At harvest time Spanish workers come into France and tour the farms must as the Mexican fruit pickers do in America.

Miss Vales said the French people are not keen to embark upon such work, preferring instead to go about their normal livelihoods without spending extra time in the fields. Some variation to the rule does occur when the crop falls due simultaneously with the availability of university students who will undertake the fruit picking chores while on recess.

Miss Dufayet's father is the proprietor of a men's clothing outlet which, in a practice common in Europe, is inside a large van. He tours the smaller towns and villages to sell his wares, as well as calling directly to the more prosperous homes in the area.

With classes starting mid-September, instead of August, both girls will be entering into the senior high school year at the Institut Familial Montauban upon their return to France.

Both girls are keen horsewomen and ride to the hounds.

A pack of 50 fox terriers is maintained at the Vales' farm. Each answering to its own name, the hounds are fed a diet of chicken and pork and kept in top trim.

The pack is one of twenty in the area, and each is usually busy hunting on weekends.

Too, traditional regalia is worn by those participating in the hunt and the

group rides to the sounds of the hunting horns.

Since their arrival the French girls have spent considerable time sailing and swimming, although both found the

combination of heat and humidity "...took a little getting used to," and both have been taken on extensive sightseeing tours of Mississippi and Louisiana.



Lynn and Claire rest in woods



Among the leaves...



Bay attracts Claire's attention



Violette rides Phaedra at Cox residence



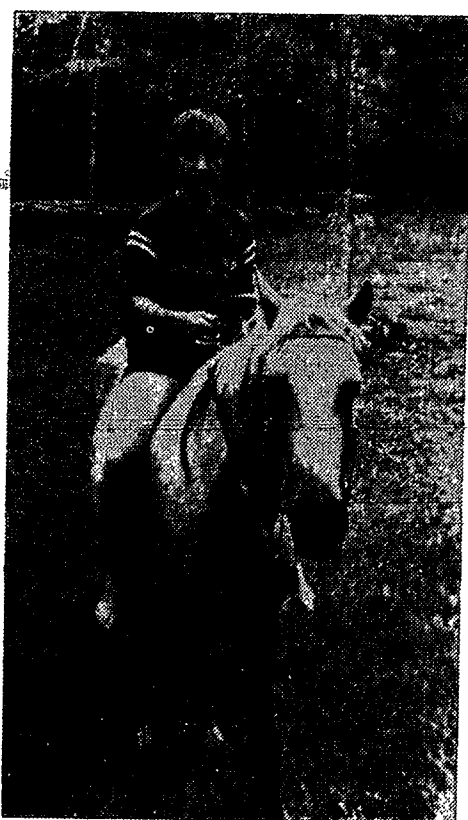
Vales' home in Albias, France



Visitor from France



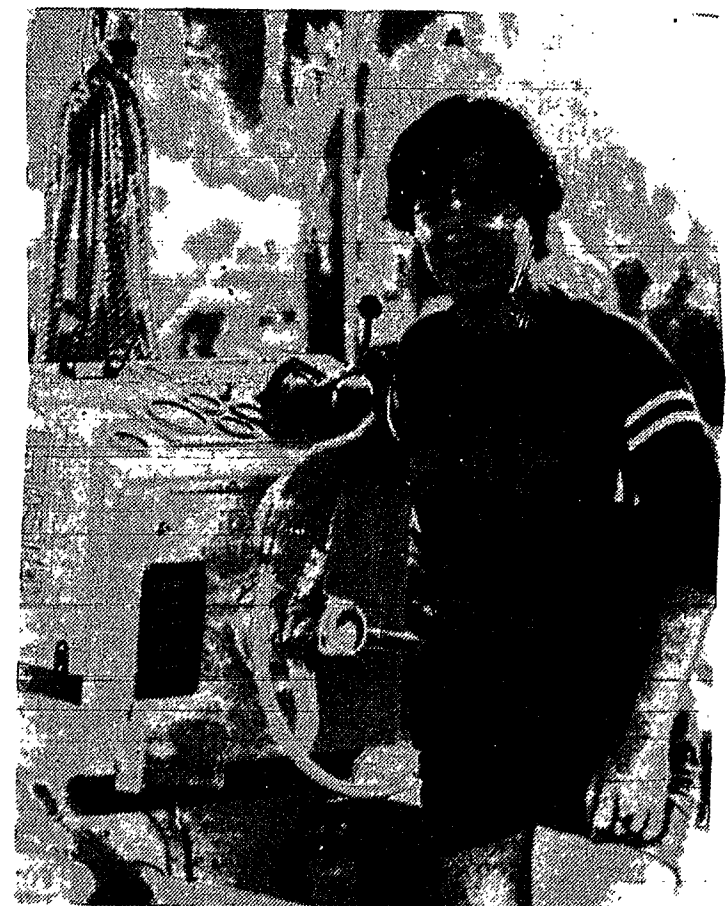
Violette takes five



*Horsewoman
extraordinaire*



Vales' keep pack of 50 hunting hounds



'Bay Tigerette' goes fishing

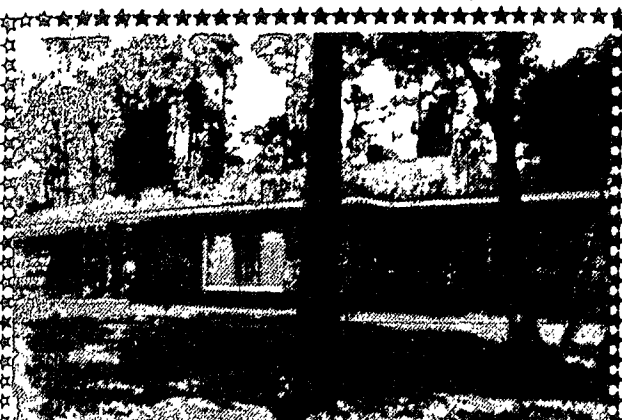


*Mr. Vales and Violette dressed, ready for hunt
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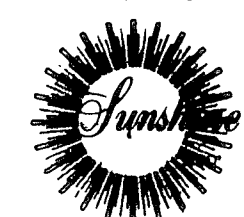
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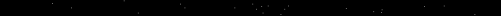
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